Paris August 5th 1833

Dr Sir

In my last I informed you that I would wait for your expected letter by the packet of the first which has arrived without it. I therefore conclude that your information has not been increased or that some change has taken place in your views. I have information upon which some reliance can be placed that in the mint of Russia they are not by any means so perfect as they are here. I received information in the mint, that an envoy was in Paris from thence last year to seek information which certainly gives authority to the assertion. It may be that the season is now too far advanced and I therefore look for the arrival of the next packet with some anxiety. In the mean time I am occupied in witnessing the operations of the mint and in making drafts of whatever may be usefull or interesting

I have been much delighted in witnessing the operation of a new coining press made by a Mons'r Thonnelier of Paris, which is capable of striking from 60 to 80 five franc pieces per minute all of which will invariably receive the same degree of pressure, regulated at will. The power required is that of two men with a child to feed and a relief of two others, or it may be

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better driven by steam without the addition of a single part and constantly at the above rate, at a trial at which I was present 62 pieces of five franc value struck in the minute by two men. It is impossible that two pieces can remain in this press at the same time, and if no piece or planchet should be present no injury arises from that circumstance. it is extremely simple and embraces the "virole brisée" by which the letters are put on the edge at the same time that ~~it~~ the coin is struck.

This press or a similar one suited to our coinage is offered ~~is offered~~ for sale the price 15.000 francs the workmanship is exquisitely beautiful, but I think this price too high and therefore cannot recommend its purchase, but as I have promised to make the above report and offer I beg your attention and reply.

In the mean time the circumstances being such as to prevent my making measurements I have made a draft of its essential parts and arrangement from memory in which I do not fear to have lost any thing of consequence. neither do I doubt that we shall be able to direct the formation of a similar one, if it should be deemed desirable. Mr Marter who is at the head of the coining department of the mint of France speaks in rapturous terms of its performances and advantages. it was through his politeness that I had the oppor=

ortunity of seeing it and witnessing its operation.

I have had an introduction and interview with Mr D'arcet he has offered his influence with Mr Poisat the owner of the large establishment for refinery mentioned in a former letter. and assures me that there will be a reduction of the charge for instruction, but I have had information that the charge for ~~information~~ struction will not be less than 100,000 francs. I have not the most distant ~~information~~ expectation that this premium can be paid. and therefore look with some anxiety for your next letter, which must determine whether I go immediately to England to investigate my prospects as it regards this important part of my mission, and leave my investigations in the Mint here to be completed at a future time or not.

I shall stand in need of additional funds by the time a remittance can reach me, if you have not already done so. and will thank you for your attention to this important matter to me in my insolated situation

I have the honour to be most respectfully yours

Franklin Peale

Dr Samuel Moore. Pt of the Mint of U.S.

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